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Letter from Ralph Bentley, Supervisor

It seems very early to say "good-bye" to summer when in some ways we are still waiting for it. Perhaps a long "Indian Summer" awaits us.

Looking over the past months, Horicon has many projects in progress. We are fortunate to have community centered organizations and volunteer forces to help carry out these projects.

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- ◆ *Eagle Scouts and their volunteer labor force have built a large pavilion on the upper baseball field in Brant Lake. We thank these dedicated people for the addition of this great building. Many families and groups will be using this facility and it is a wonderful addition to the well-used ball field. In the very near future, there will be a formal dedication with naming of the complex in honor of a devoted former public servant. Stay tuned for the announcement.*
- ◆ *The Community Center meeting room now has a new "state-of-the-art" speaker/recording system installed by Adirondack Audio & Video of Queensbury. The public has commented that it fits our needs and is a big improvement in acoustics.*
- ◆ *A reminder...that the planks will be removed at the upper dam shortly after Columbus Day to lower the water level on Brant Lake. Keep this in mind should you need to remove your boat or dock or do any repair work.*
- ◆ *The Town Board is nearing completion of its review of the DRAFT Comprehensive Master Plan; and will hold public informational meetings in the next few weeks. Look for dates and times in the Adirondack Journal.*
- ◆ *2010 Budget—this is a challenging time to "crunch the numbers" in anticipation of an every changing economy. As in the past, my priority is to keep the tax rate down, but still provide the Town with all the necessary services. Horicon has not seen a tax hike in the last three years and I consider this my "bottom line" for 2010. Actually, the combined tax rates for the Town of Horicon (School, Town, County and Fire) are the lowest of any town in Warren Country and I am continuing to do the best that I can for our community.*

Copies of the newsletter are available at the
Horicon Community Center, the Horicon library
and on line at our web site:
www.horiconny.gov

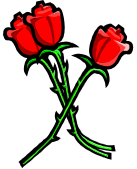
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I would like to commend Horicon's dedicated work force for their on-going efforts. The direction the Town moves is in many ways, a reflection of their individual positive contributions and those of many volunteers who over the years have made this community a desirable and enjoyable place to live.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to take this opportunity to wish Arlene Mayer a very happy and restful retirement. After 22 years of devotion and unyielding dedicated service to this town, she will be difficult to replace. We will miss her warm personality and smile along with her compassionate nature.

Arlene, you will truly be missed.

**A Fond "Farewell" From the Town Clerk's Office...**

"As I wind down the days until my retirement on December 31, 2009, I am gratified to have this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve you as Town Clerk for 22 years.

When I came into office on September 15, 1987, I had no idea of the "adventures" awaiting me. I never imagined the beautiful new Community Center that would be "home" to the Town Offices and enhance the Mill Pond. The years have flown by so quickly and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you.

Retiring brings many thoughts to mind. I know I will miss the job I have grown to love, but there is a time to stay and a time to go. Most of all, I will miss the people I have had the privilege to work with here at the Community Center. Together we have supported each other through many good times and bad. I was fortunate to have found what I feel was "my place in this world" here in Horicon.

I know you will welcome the new Town Clerk, Krista Wood, just as you have always welcomed me. I am sure she will do a great job for you.

I leave with more than enough memories to last me a lifetime. Wherever I go and whatever I do, I will always remember and appreciate my years as Town Clerk. Perhaps I will write a "tell all" book about my experiences over the years.

Thank you all for all you have been. My best wishes to you always."

Arlene

Milfoil Control Program Update

This year the Brant Lake Foundation (BLF) spearheaded a stepped up and aggressive effort to control the spread of milfoil in Brant Lake with the launch of the Brant Lake Milfoil Control Program. This program consists of (1) raising public awareness (2) enlisting the continuing support of volunteers through a dedicated event calendar on their web site: www.brantlakemilfoil.org and (3) a three-year fundraising drive. Over 30 volunteers conducted a door-to-door campaign. The program also consisted of distributing a colorful brochure and bumper stickers to citizens of Brant Lake – to raise \$250,000 to fund a professional diving team to hand harvest milfoil. This has resulted in identifying and mapping over 30 milfoil beds and removing from the lake over three tons of milfoil.

One hundred fifty-six donor pledges have been received to-date totaling over \$136,000. The milfoil battle meeting conducted at the Horicon Community Center on Saturday, July 11 drew a crowd of 100 concerned citizens. In addition, a phone-a-thon held on August 11, resulted in receiving pledge amounts of over \$11,000.

(Milfoil Control Program ...continued)

As Doug Paton, President of the Brant Lake Foundation has stated, “like other slogans that effectively enlist public support for forest resource conservation and pollution control, the milfoil campaign bumper sticker motto: ‘Protect Brant Lake ▪ Clean Boats ▪ Clean Waters’ will help generate continued citizen involvement to protect our most precious and only natural resource for the Town of Horicon.”

In addition, the milfoil problem was recently highlighted in newspapers; with a Post Star 9-2 issue lead story, “Weed Infests Hadlock,” and the Adirondack Journal article 9-5, “Schumer Seeks to Curb Milfoil...and Other Destructive Pests.” Aquatic invasive plants threaten about one-quarter of New York lakes.

As emphasized again at the Labor Day end-of-season BLF party held at the Brant Lake Camp, if we lose the battle to control milfoil, the quality of our lake will be seriously degraded and our recreational access will be limited.

If you have not done so, please mail in your pledge amount to the Brant Lake Milfoil Control Program, P.O. Box 88, Brant Lake, NY 12815. One hundred percent of your donation will be used to win the milfoil battle and it is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Tin Tepee Family Campground - A Ten Year Vision Come True



(L— R) Bridget Bundrick, Beverly Tennyson, Rosie Lewis, Brenda Lewis

This year Brenda and Mike Lewis opened for the summer season Tin Tepee Family Campground to RV enthusiasts who want to experience the Adirondack Park’s natural beauty with full service amenities on a privately owned 125-acre quiet forested setting which has been in the family for over five generations.

Tin Tepee Family Campground located at 144 Bean Rd., Brant Lake, has 30 large, full hookup campsites that include electric service, septic, water and cable. There is a beautiful outdoor pool available to campers. The public is also invited. Daily and seasonal passes are available. Incidentally, the name “Tin” is associated with Mike’s friend who owned an American legend – that distinctive rounded, sausage-shaped aluminum body, the *Airstream Clipper* camper that originated in the 1930’s from designs largely created by Hawley Bowlus. Bowlus was chief designer of Charles Lindberg’s aircraft, the *Spirit of St. Lewis*.

Brenda’s vision has come true. Hear her story: “I worked for Daby’s General Store in Brant Lake for ten years along with my niece, Bridget – who worked there for five years.” She honed her family home-style cooking for 13 years as head cook for the Warren County Head Start Chestertown Center, where she served breakfast and lunch to over 25 local pre-schoolers. Her mom, Beverly Tennyson, is the “pie baker.”

The Deli tradition lives on. Ralph Vatalaro of Brant Lake Estates, a coffee club regular, said with relish, “You can get coffee at a lot of places, but here, you get it with a smile, friendly atmosphere and it carries on the Daby’s tradition.” For example, there is a Daby tradition of providing a coffee table of reserved mugs for the “6:30 AM Coffee Club” regulars, such as Bruce Meade, John & Jim Remington, Gary Frenz, Ralph Bentley, to name a few. In addition to Daby’s famous subs and fresh-baked rolls, there are daily lunch specials. Try a “Monte Cristo” sandwich – grilled on thick, batter-dipped bread with ham, cheese, and turkey garnished with Melba sauce. Tuesday is “Taco Tuesday,” with ground beef, accompanied by an assortment of build-your-own topping for \$1.00. Thursday, it is sausage and Italian pepperoni.

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There are weekly scheduled activities: Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Board Games, Movie Nights, Bingo and Ice Cream Socials. There are special themed on-site activities, such as the “apples-apples-apples event planned for the upcoming Columbus Day weekend, offering apple making crafts, apple pies and other apple delectables. You can order homemade pies for Thanksgiving and cookies for Christmas.

Reflecting back on this year, “our business has been good,” said Brenda. “The nice thing is that campers who stay an average of 3-4 days have brought other friends; and already we have sold several seasonal spots for next year.” Brenda welcomes inquiries: Phone (518) 494-5555 or online at www.tinteepecampground.com

Comprehensive Master Plan Update

By Dr. Richard F. Lamb, Professor of Environmental Planning and the Center for Environmental Science, State University of Plattsburgh, NY

The Town of Horicon Town Board (TB) has finalized its review of revisions made to the DRAFT Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP). After one or more public hearings at the Horicon Community Center, the Town Board will vote to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

The CMP consists of two documents posted on the Town of Horicon web site: <http://www.horiconny.gov> “The Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan,” written by Dr. Richard Lamb, and the “Town of Horicon Community Development Strategic Plan” prepared by the LaBerge Group, both consultants who have worked closely with the CMP Steering Committee).

After adoption of the CMP by the Town Board, the implementation process will begin. This consists of two components” (1) preparation of a regulatory package to include revisions to the Town’s zoning and land subdivision laws, and (2) community development initiatives to implement the goals of encouraging business development, providing for affordable housing, improving recreation opportunities and others. To make this plan a living document, it is extremely important that the implementation process begin quickly and effectively. This can take the form of prioritizing the most important and feasible recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, such as seeking grant application for affordable housing, and the appointment of an Economic Development Coordinator who would work closely with county, regional and state agencies to expedite the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan and Community Strategic Plan.

The Planning Board will prepare the revisions to the Town’s Zoning and land subdivision laws in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. Public hearings will be scheduled before they are adopted. The Adirondack Park Agency must approve the revised regulations.

Town of Horicon Pavilion

By Scout Master John Belline Sr. and Eagle Scout John Belline Jr.

This summer was a very busy one for Troop 30 of Chestertown. Among other Eagle Scout projects that were successfully undertaken this summer was the completion of the Pavilion at the baseball field behind the Horicon Community Center.

This was John Belline Jr’s Eagle Scout project. Six other scouts collaborated under the supervision of John Belline Sr. John Jr is a sophomore at North Warren Central School and his hobbies include hunting, fishing, soccer and beekeeping. John explains, “upon graduation, I plan on enlisting in the Marine Corps for up to eight years, and then I want to start my own business in forest harvesting.”

Both projects turned out better than expected. This is due in no small part to the level of dedicated and collaborative support from the scouts, other interested citizens and Troop 30 leaders. These two projects resulted in over three hundred hours of community service. Troop 30 is proud of its accomplishments to serve our adjoining communities of Chester and Horicon.



The Pavilion



Eagle Scout John Belline Jr. (wearing hat)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 10th — The Great Brant Lake Duck Race**
 at the Mill Pond, sponsored by the Horicon Ladies Auxiliary and the North Warren Chamber of Commerce. Contact information:
www.northwarren.com (518) 494-2722
 Pancake Breakfast: 9 AM Horicon Fire House
 Quilt Show: 10 AM St. Paul's Church
 Duck Race: Noon Mill Pond, upper dam
 Pumpkin Painting: 1 PM Horicon Community Center
- October 16-18 — "Pugs and Pumpkins" Halloween weekend**, sponsored by the North Warren Chamber of Commerce. Contact: (518) 494-2722 or 696-7184. email pugs@northwarren.com or visit www.northwarren.com for further information.
- November 14, Saturday — Community Thanksgiving Dinner** presented by the North Warren Central School. Time and details to be announced. www.northwarren.k12.ny.us
- Cornell Cooperative Extension is holding a free HeatSmart NY Save Energy, Save Dollars Workshop on **Thursday, October 22, 2009** from 10 AM to noon. At the Village Green Apartments Community Room, 1 South Delaware, Glens Falls, Pre-registration is required, call (518) 668-4881 or 623-3291 for more information.

Kayak and Adirondack Chair Raffle:

North Warren Chamber of Commerce is holding a raffle for an Adirondack chair and a kayak, the winning tickets to be selected at *the Pug Halloween Costume Party and Parade*, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. The Kayak is courtesy of **EZ Marine**, Brant Lake; the Adirondack chair is courtesy of **Abraham's Woodwork**, also of Brant Lake. You can purchase a ticket anytime, call (518) 494-2722 or (518) 696-7184.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Town's official Newspaper is the Adirondack Journal.

Visit Denpubs.com on the web for all of the Town's official notices.

FAQ'S:



Do I need Planning Board approval to subdivide my lot or give some of my property to my kids?

The Town of Horicon subdivision regulations were adopted May 6, 1963 *to ensure optimum overall conservation, protection, development and use of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, historic, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack Park. (Section1 Preamble and Short Title).*

If you would like to subdivide your property, give some of your property to a family member or add some of your neighbor's property to yours, please contact the Zoning and Planning Office at (518) 494-4245, they can walk you through the process and keep your project on track from start to finish.

Subdivision regulations are available from the Horicon Town Clerk, for \$10. PO Box 90, Brant Lake, NY 12815



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